GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4012
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ASSISTANCE FOR RESTRUCTURING APCO
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought matching grant for restructuring APCO;and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance proposed to be given to primary weavers societies/APCO under various schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a project proposal under the Strengthening of Handloom Organizations component of the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDHPY) involving a cost of Rs.44.99 CroreThe cost of the project was to be shared between the Center and the State, the Central share being Rs.21.99 Crore and the State`s Rs.23.00 Crore.

The project proposal of the APCO did not specify about the action taken by them in respect of streamlining business policies, down sizing the man power and did not contain a project duly approved by a Bank/Financial Institution.Besides, the State Govt. had not made necessary provisions in their budget towards their share of the project.

The proposal submitted by the State Govt. envisaged cost towards assistance for downsizing /rationalizing the manpower of APCO, stock disposal through rebate, publicity & advertisement, rent, electricity, transport, sales and other incentives and showroom renovation which the restructuring component of the scheme did not provide for. The State Govt. has been requested to submit a revised proposal.

In so far as assistance proposed to be given to the Primary Weavers Societies/APCO for various schemes is concerned, it may be mentioned that the Government of India is implementing a number of schemes for the development of the handloom sector and the welfare of handloom weavers throughout the country which include:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.

2. Mill Gate Price Scheme

3. Setting up of Marketing Complexes.

4. Publicity and Exhibition Scheme

5. Development of Exportable products and their Marketing.
6. Work-shed-cum-Housing Scheme.

7 Health Package Scheme.

8. Group Insurance Scheme.

9. Thrift Fund Scheme
10. Setting up of Enforcement Machinery.
11. National Centre for Textile Design.

The Government of India considers the proposals drawn in conformity with the guidelines of the above schemes and duly forwarded by the State Government for release of Central assistance.